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Sir:

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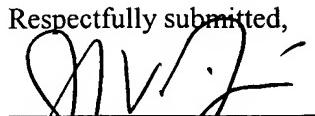
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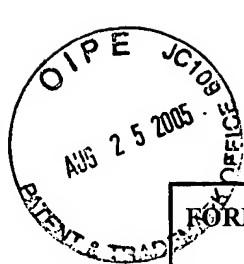
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	A25	4,539,763	9/10/85	Walkhoff					
	A26	4,644,671	2/24/87	Walkhoff					
	A27	4,739,563	4/26/88	Guggenberger et al.					
	A28	4,922,634	5/8/90	Seidel					
	A29	4,937,953	7/3/90	Walkhoff					
	A30	5,065,481	11/19/91	Walkhoff					
	A31	5,088,211	2/18/92	Walkhoff					
	A32	5,167,083	12/1/92	Walkhoff					
	A33	5,175,949	1/5/93	Seidel					
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